

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-20 were presented. Claims 1, 10 and 20 are canceled, without prejudice, and claims 2, 5, 11, 14 and 19 are amended. Claims 2-9 and 11-19 are now pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-8, 11-17 and 20 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 5 are rewritten to include all limitations of base claim 1, from which they directly depend; claims 11 and 14 are rewritten to include all limitations of base claim 10 from which they directly depend; and claim 19 is rewritten to include the limitations of dependent claim 20 which depends directly from claim 19. Claims 1, 10 and 20 are canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 2. Claims 6-9 depend from claim 5. Claims 12 and 13 depend from claim 11. Claims 15-18 depend from claim 14. Thus, it is submitted that claims 2-9 and 11-19 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1, 9, 10, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Brigel (US 1,159,566) and as anticipated by Noritake (US 6,058,726). In response, claims 1 and 10 are canceled, without prejudice. Claim 19 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 20, as discussed above.

Applicant submits that the rejections of claims 9 and 18 are in error and therefore traverses same. Claim 9 depends from claim 5, which is indicated as allowable; and claim 18 depends from claim 14, which is also indicated as allowable. Therefore, claims 9 and 18 are allowable by virtue of their dependence from claims already indicated as allowable.

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Claim Objections

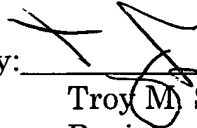
The objection to claim 10 for the misspelling of "baffle" is corrected in the amendments to claims 11 and 14.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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